



JANUARY 2011

Happy New Year

On behalf of the Chairman, Philip Petersen, and the Board of Directors of the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council, we would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and a great and prosperous 2011. Thank you for all your support in 2010 and we look forward to working with you all in 2011.

Future of Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council

In July 2010 the Minister for Infrastructure advised that Tasmanian Government funding of the Council would not be continued beyond 30 September 2010 due to extensive demands on DIER's budget following a rigorous review and assessment of priorities. The Federal Government has subsequently advised that it would not provide financial support to the Council beyond 30 September 2010 without a matching Tasmanian Government contribution.

The Council's Board of Management believes that the Council has been achieving too much to just wind up. Accordingly it has decided that it will continue to operate as normal – funding its operations from accumulated funds.

In December 2010 the Council submitted a Business Plan to the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources seeking the re-instatement of Tasmanian Government funding from 1 July 2011 onwards (which will allow the Federal Government to contribute equal funding).

The Council's Board of Management is seeking support from its Members for the reinstatement of State Government funding. If Members wish to see the Council continuing to operate into the future, they are urged to contact the Minister for Infrastructure, their local Member of Parliament or to the Secretary of DIER to advise them of their ongoing support for the Council. With the support of its Members we believe that the Council can continue to support and grow the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania.

Reforming Australian Shipping

The Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) have recently released a discussion paper for stakeholder consultation outlining proposed reforms for Australian shipping.

The discussion paper outlines a number of proposals designed to restore the viability and reverse the decline of Australia's domestic shipping industry by:

- modernising the domestic regulatory arrangements applicable to coastal shipping;
- introducing new tax arrangements to attract greater investment and place the industry on a sustainable footing that is comparable with its international competitors;
- establishing an Australian International Shipping Register to facilitate Australian participation in international shipping;
- making changes to income tax arrangements for Australian resident international seafarers to remove the disincentive for companies employing Australians; and
- working with industry, unions and education providers to improve maritime skills development and training.

A copy of the paper is available on the DIT website at: www.infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/shipping_reform/

Comments are sought by the end of January 2011 and may be provided electronically via a response form or by writing to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, GPO Box 594, CANBERRA ACT 2601.

The Council will be making a submission to the DIT. Comments from Members on the discussion paper would be gratefully received by 14 January 2011.

Women Moving Forward Mentoring Program

In September 2010 Natasha Atkins from Sea Road Holdings, Hannah O'Niell from Agility Logistics, Rosemary Rushton from Norske Skog and Samantha Sutherland from TSS Logistics began the Women Moving Forward Mentoring Program (WMF). Three months later the four women completed the program and received their certificates in December 2010 at a special morning tea organised by the Tasmanian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia. (In support of women in the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania, the Council sponsored all four women to participate in the WMF Program in 2010.)

Hannah O'Niell recently wrote to the Council thanking it for the opportunity to undertake the WMF Program and commented "What an opportunity it has been both professionally and definitely personally...I didn't come into the my job with a clear head of where I could see myself in the future, now I do...I have goals, achievements, networks, peers, mentors and plans...I am truly motivated for years to come in the industry and will apply all knowledge learnt in the program to all daily aspects of my life."

WMF is a program that builds the efficiency, capability and number of jobs in T&L by supporting the development of women. It is open to all women, in any role, in any region in any T&L company. The WMF program has been designed specifically for women in T&L and challenges them to identify, plan and implement actions to achieve their professional and personal goals

Over 350 women representing over 130 companies have been part of WMF to date with 53 women from over 30 organisations participating from around Australia in 2010. The program continues to incorporate a high quality, self-paced and cost effective mentoring program, targeting the retention and development of women within the T&L industry. The program identifies what women want in their personal and professional lives and helps get them there.

The next Women Moving Forward Program will commence on 3 February 2011. To find out more or to register please visit www.cilta.com.au or contact education@cilta.com.au.

Lowering Rural Speed Limit

The Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) is undertaking consultation on a proposal to lower rural road speed limits in Tasmania from 100km/h to 90km/h on sealed roads and to 80km/h on unsealed roads. Where rural roads are of a higher standard, consideration will be given to signing these roads to remain at 100km/h. The RSAC believes that reducing rural speed limits is an important initiative that could save many lives, however, there will be costs in introducing the proposal. Increased travel times could impact negatively on anyone involved in the transport and logistics industry.

Written submissions from members of the public are invited by 18 February 2011 and can be emailed to saferspeeds@dier.tas.gov.au.

Further information regarding the proposal can be found at www.rsac.tas.gov.au

Tasmanian Transport Forum

The second annual Australian Maritime College. Tasmanian Transport Forum was held on 26 October 2010 and was an outstanding success. The Council was the major sponsor and received extremely good acknowledgement and feedback from those attending. Council members did not have to pay to attend the Transport Forum and a number of members took advantage of this by attending. In all sixty-seven people attended the Transport Forum which is over 30% more than last year's attendance. The Transport Forum has become a very worthwhile and much anticipated annual event on the Tasmanian calendar.

Welcome New Member

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council would like to welcome the following new member – Jim McCormack from Whetstone Pty Ltd.

If you know of anyone in the industry that may wish to become a member please let Rob McGuire know and he will talk to them about the many benefits of becoming a member. Rob can be contacted by phone on (03) 6236 3663 or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

Employment Pathways Tasmanian Transport Industry

The initial meeting of the Department of Economic Development (DED) Advisory Group established to develop a pilot program to retrain redundant older workers to be able to fill vacancies in the transport industry in Tasmania was held in Devonport in October 2010. DED has received expressions of interest from 15 participants to date. A pilot program has been developed which provides significant cash incentives to companies willing to participate. Six companies on the North West Coast have been invited to participate in this pilot process to gain a successful industry model for the future – and two of these to date have indicated an interest.

For further information on the pilot program – or if you want to participate in the pilot program - contact Rob McGuire on (03) 6236 3663 or email freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

Tasmanian Transport and Logistics Workforce Advisory Group

The Council has been taking a leading role in co-chairing the Tasmanian Transport & Logistics Workforce Advisory Group (TT&LWAG) looking at workforce issues in the transport and logistics (T&L) industry in Tasmania. The terms of appointment of current members of the TT&LWAG have expired and the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources has advised that it intends to wind up the TT&LWAG in its current format.

The Council will be consulting with stakeholders in the T&L industry in Tasmania to determine if they want to be part of a revamped TT&LWAG and if so what its Terms of Reference should be. A meeting of all interested parties will be held at Campbell Town on Thursday 24 February 2011 at 11.30am to finalise the composition of and the terms of reference of the revamped TT&LWAG- with an aim of making recommendations back to the Minister for Infrastructure on the appointment members of the new TT&LWAG going forward.

For more information, or if you want to be part of the revamped TT&LWAG, contact Rob McGuire at the Council or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

New Maritime Security Identification Card Rules

Maritime Security Identification Cards (MSICs) will now be issued for two or four years instead of five, following the introduction of new port security rules by the Federal Government on 1 December 2010.

Under the new rules, people applying for new or reissued MSIC's can choose between getting:

- a four year card with a background check at the start and a second check after two years; or
- a two year card with only one background check, so drivers and operators on short contracts can avoid the expense of the second check.

The new rules also require MSIC holders to notify the body that issued their MSIC or the Federal Government if they are convicted of a maritime security relevant offence. The penalty for failing to report an offence is \$2,200.

The new rules are the second round of changes to MSICs last year. On 1 July 2010, the Federal Government expanded the list of offences that could block people from holding MSICs. The new offences on the list include deceptive business practices, carrying a concealed weapon and aggravated assault. People sentenced to a term of imprisonment for offences like these are blocked from holding a card unless they successfully appeal to the Federal Government's Office of Transport Security.

Current MSIC holders will be screened against the expanded offence list when their existing cards expire.

It is recommended that employers of MSIC holders review their procedures for checking the validity of MSICs held by their employees in light of these regulatory arrangements

For more information check the Department of Infrastructure and Transport website: <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/maritime/factsheets/index.aspx>

Australian Logistics Council Forum

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) invites members of the transport and logistics fraternity in Australia to be part of the premier event for transport and logistics leaders and decision makers at its 9th annual ALC Forum, which will be held on 21 and 22 February 2011 at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. The forum theme is '*Freight Networks for the Future*'. Full details are available from the Council or online at www.austlogistics.com.au.

Future Supply Chain Model

The Council recently provided financial support towards an Australian Logistics Council (ALC) project to undertake the necessary research and planning activities to bring about the development of a new set of business models for future supply chains in Australia. The overall objective for the Future Supply Chain 2020 project was to leverage the work from the European Future Supply Chain 2016 report and develop a fit for purpose view of possible future Australian supply chains reaching out to 2020.

The final report has been issued and a copy has been posted on the Council's website www.tasfreightlogistics.com.au. The report represents the product of a long period of enquiry and engagement with key stakeholders from across the Australian logistics industry led by the ALC and a group of national transport and logistics industry stakeholders. The intent has been to build perspectives and scenarios for the future shape that supply chains in Australia could take in the next decade.

Free Copies of MHD Supply Chain Solutions Magazines

The Australian Logistics Council has provided the Council with a number of copies of the November / December 2010 issue of the MHD Supply Chain Solutions magazine. Copies of the magazine will be posted to members on request – please send an email to freightlogistics@tcci.com.au if you would like to receive your complimentary copy.

Workplace English Language and Literacy Program

The Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council has recently been appointed to promote the uptake of Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) training programs across the T&L industry. Federal Government funds are available for businesses that believe productivity could be increased through improved literacy and numeracy skills in the workplace.

For further information about the program and how it could lead to a more productive, efficient and safer workplace contact the Council or the Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council www.tlisc.com.au

Members Contributions

The Council wants to ensure that it is relevant to the needs of its Members and wants to know about significant freight logistic issues that are impacting on your businesses. If you wish to speak to the Council about any issues, please contact the Council on (03) 6236 3663 or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

If Members have an article that they would like to contribute to the News Bulletin, then we would be only too pleased to discuss the subject. Please contact Rob McGuire at the Council with any comments, suggestions or articles

Thank You

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